

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General**



**GENERAL COUNSEL
Department of Parks and Recreation
Vacancy Announcement #13-051**

Salary range: LX-2 \$102,996-\$120,000*

The Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia is seeking a General Counsel for the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). DPR regulates and manages many District-owned parks and other public recreation facilities. The parks include several large parks as well as numerous small “triangle parks” or “pocket parks.” DPR has over 900 acres of parkland, which includes 358 parks, 68 recreation facilities, 78 playgrounds, 40 aquatics facilities, and hundreds of play courts and athletic fields.

The General Counsel provides legal support to the Director and senior administrators in DPR. The legal issues are quite varied, ranging from real estate, contract, capital projects and environmental issues to numerous general liability and risk issues. The job requires skills in drafting memoranda of understanding as well as advising the agency on issues involving fees and permitting. The General Counsel works closely with DPR’s risk management in spotting and resolving risk and liability issues.

The successful candidate for this position must be barred in the District of Columbia or eligible to be waived into the D.C. Bar. The candidate must also have a working knowledge of the operations of the District government; some creditable experience with parks and recreation legal functions, including donations, fundraising, and the statutory authority related to land disposition; judicial and administrative processes; and a knowledge of the Freedom of Information Act, confidentiality statutes, and personnel privacy concerns. While this position requires some degree of independence in day-to-day operations, a person who can demonstrate that he or she works well with other high-level professionals is preferred.

Candidates for this position may be subject to criminal background check. The selected candidate must be a resident of the District of Columbia, or must move into the District within 6 months of appointment and remain a District resident as long as he/she holds the position. Open until filled. Screening of applicants will begin on June 7, 2013.

*** Salary in this range will be based on applicable rules, regulations and guidelines.**